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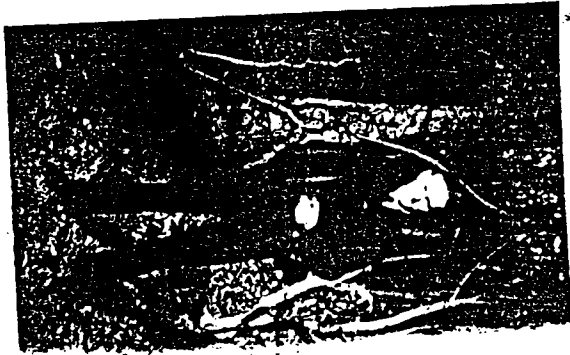
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STAFF DEPARTMENT SPECIAL INTERROGATION MISSIONPerson Interrogated: *W. Zuman* ~~Frederica~~ FELDTANGEPrincipal Subject Matter:*00F*
Activities in Sweden of August Eicke, SD Chief there and Assistant Commercial Attache of German Legation.Main Facts of Career:Born February 21, 1921, in Oldenburg. Entered Auswaertiges Amt as stenographer, 1943. Was secretary in Sweden to August Eicke, 1943-1945. Member of Bund Deutscher Maedel, but not of NSDAP.Interrogated by:

First interrogation: T. Randolph Higgs, Rebecca Wellington and Lt. Peter Harnden

Second interrogation: Lt. Peter Harnden

Place and Date of Interrogation:

8 Corps (British) 1st Civilian Internment Camp, Neumuenster, September 15 and 22, 1945

Language Used: GermanHow Recorded: Notes taken during interrogationKnown Prior Interrogations of
Diplomatic Interest:

Frl. Feldtange said she had been interrogated in July 1945 by Mr. Carlson of the American Legation in Stockholm.

Wiesbaden, October 18, 1945

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Fräulein Feldtange was interrogated with a view to obtaining information concerning her former chief in Stockholm, August FINK, nominally "Assistant Commercial Attaché" but actually the SD chief in Sweden. It was apparent from all available reports, as well as from other interrogations at Germenster, that Fink was the key to most German undercover activities in Sweden and, since he was not himself available for interrogation, it was hoped that Fräulein Feldtange would be able to furnish at least some clues to his activities, contacts and present whereabouts. She appeared not unwilling to talk and it is believed that she gave the interrogators such information as she had. She was not, however, Fink's principal secretary. That position was filled by Fräulein KISTENMACHER, who had been with Fink in Stockholm since 1942. Prior to that time, Fräulein Kistenschacher had spent 13 or 14 years in Finland. She was recalled to Berlin February 22, 1945, but Fräulein Feldtange did not know her home address in Germany or where she might now be found. (According to another interrogatee, Fräulein Kistenschacher had reportedly been taken to England for interrogation).

Fräulein Feldtange gave the following description of Fink: about 38 years old; dark blond hair, grey-blue eyes; heavy set; about 182 cm. tall; born in Nienburg an der Weser; lived in Varal in Oldenburg but moved to Berlin in about 1939. According to Fräulein Feldtange, he was "recalled" to Berlin March 1, 1945 after Swedish pressure had been brought to bear" (other interrogatees said he had been deported). She said she had been told in July by an officer of the American Legation in Stockholm that Fink was then in England.

Fink's chief collaborator in Sweden, Fräulein Feldtange stated, was the leader of the Swedish National Samlings Partei, Hermann JOHANSSON, through whom Fink paid monthly 18,000 kroner to the Folket Dagbladet and 5000 kroner to the NSP. Johansson had "his own people" working under him, and he was the only point of contact between them and Fink. The money thus disbursed was received by Fink via special courier from Berlin. Fräulein Feldtange did not know the amounts received or what other payments may have been made therefrom. At the end of April 1945, 3-4000 kroner remained in Fink's fund and she gave this to his wife and four children who had stayed behind in Stockholm.

Fink's personal relations with other members of the Legation were "good", Fräulein Feldtange claimed, but none of them ever came to see him in his office; nor did his Swedish contacts come very often to the office. He usually saw them in his own home or, sometimes, in the apartment of Fräulein Kistenschacher. According to Sigurd BEHRENS, the German Commercial Attaché in Stockholm, who was also interrogated, Fink never spent more than two or three hours a day in his office and received few visitors there. Behrens attributed this in part to the fact that when Fink was appointed "Assistant Commercial Attaché" he, Behrens, was greatly disturbed lest this pretty obvious cover jeopardize his own work which he wished to maintain on an entirely correct basis. In order, therefore, to discourage at least Fink's Swedish

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visitors. Behrens installed a Swedish doorman at the entrance to the building where he and Finke had their offices and another just outside Finke's door. This, Behrens believed, scared many Swedish visitors away.

Frl. Feldtange was asked what she knew of Finke's relationship with Ulrich von GIERANTH, since the latter had told the interrogators that he often visited Finke in his office. Frl. Feldtange replied that they were "not really friends" and that Gieranth never came to Finke's office. When informed of Gieranth's own statement, she admitted he did come occasionally to the office but she claimed to know of no special reason for his doing so. She also disclaimed knowledge of any contact between Finke and Heinz Willy GOSMANN, the Landesgruppenleiter der NSDAP and Counselor of the Legation in Stockholm.

Such reports as Finke submitted from Stockholm were sent direct to the Reichssicherheitshauptamt (RSHA) in Berlin and, although they were sent by the regular Legation pouch, they were not seen by either Hans THOMSEN, the Minister, or Werner DANHOFF, the Counselor, as were the reports of other members of the Legation. Frl. Feldtange emphatically denied that Finke ever sent in reports on other members of the Legation.

Concerning individuals in Sweden other than Johansson, who worked for Finke or who constituted his sources of information there, Frl. Feldtange named the following as the only ones she knew of or could remember:

- 1) ZUCHNER - a German connected with the paper Tyska Rooster. His usefulness to Finke was his previous acquaintance (Frl. Feldtange did not know how) with "Latvian and Lithuanian Ministers" with whom he had remained in contact. He received no money from Finke as far as the interrogator knew.
- 2) Hermann RASCH - a Swedish engineer, whose secretary was also a part-time secretary to Madame Kollontay, the Soviet Ambassador, and thus furnished Finke with information obtained in the Soviet Embassy. Rasch was not on Finke's payroll.
- 3) Dr. PISCO - Slovakian Consul General. No details known of his collaboration with Finke.
- 4) I. KONONOFF - Rumanian Commercial Attache. No details known of his collaboration with Finke. He left Stockholm some time in 1944.

* See this Mission's interrogation of Gieranth of October 6, 1945.

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Finke undertook certain missions upon direct instructions from Berlin. He did not recall any of his own initiatives in carrying out these missions. He knew of certain secret efforts of the German Government, but did not recall that in one instance (date unknown) he received urgent orders from Berlin to seek out and establish contact with this group regarding the latter's work on the atomic bomb. Berlin believed him to be a Swabian but Finke was unable to find him. Finke was also instructed to keep in touch with members of any Swedish delegations visiting the United States and to obtain from them all possible information concerning the United States, particularly with regard to production there.

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